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<u>Lothar Merk, et al</u>	:	Group Art No.: 2175
<u>Serial No. 09/616,232</u>	:	Examiner: T. Mahmoudi
<u>Filed: July 14, 2000</u>	:	IBM Corporation Anne Vachon Dougherty 3173 Cedar Road Yorktown Heights, New York 10598-1964
Title: METHOD OF REPRESENTING DATA PACKAGES IN COMPACT FORM AND OF STORING AND TRANSMITTING THEM		

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002 for the above-identified patent application. The 3 month shortened statutory period for this response is set to expire on February 5, 2003, and therefore, this is a response within the shortened statutory period. In response to the Office Action, the Applicants wish to amend the Patent Application as set forth below.